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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2005 (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)		Docket Number (Optional) 09432/168002	
Application Number	09/843,560-Conf. #9436	Filed	April 26, 2001
For TUBULAR JOINT WEAR INDICATOR			
Art Unit	3729	Examiner	A. D. Tugbang

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

	Fee	Small Entity Fee	
<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$60	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$450	\$225	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1020	\$510	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1590	\$795	\$ 1,590.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2160	\$1080	\$

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

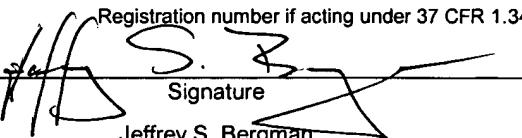
Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0591. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the applicant/inventor.
 assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).
 attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 45,925
 attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.

Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34


Signature

April 1, 2005

Jeffrey S. Bergman
Typed or printed name

Date

(713) 228-8600

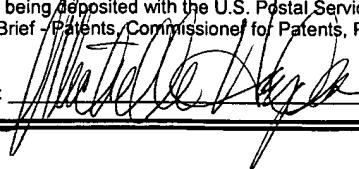
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NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

Total of 1 forms are submitted.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EV562274635US, in an envelope addressed to: MS Appeal Brief - Patents, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: April 1, 2005

Signature: 

(Michelle Hayden)